

### REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as reflected in the final Official Action mailed March 14, 2007. In order to place the present application in condition for immediate allowance, claims 17, 18, 20-27, 31-33, 35-41, 43, 55-57, 59-62, and 64 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

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